

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been rewritten as follows:

Paragraph [0026] has been rewritten as follows:

[0026] FIG. 16 is another exploded perspective view of the alternative embodiment of the pivot link[.];

New Paragraphs [0026a] and [0026b] have been added after Paragraph [0026]:

[0026a] FIG. 17 is a sectional front elevational of the alternative pivot link; and

[0026b] FIG. 18 is a sectional side elevational view of the alternative pivot link.

Paragraph [0028] has been rewritten as follows:

[0028] With particular reference to [[FIG. 2]] FIGS. 2, 8 and 9, the sheet bending brake assembly 20 includes a clamping member 22 having a lower leg 24 extending therefrom. The clamping member 22 is generally a C-shaped frame member and has an upper leg 26 extending therefrom. As seen in FIG. 2, a plurality of longitudinally spaced clamping members 22 form the assembly 20 and allow for engaging differently sized work pieces, as will be described below. However it is to be understood that any number of clamping members 22 may be utilized with the subject invention. FIGS. 2-3 and 9-12 illustrate a single clamping member 22 that forms the sheet bending brake assembly 20. It should be appreciated that each of the frame members is substantially identical. Preferably, the clamping members 22 are made of lightweight aluminum to facilitate transportation of the sheet bending brake assembly 20. However, different

materials may be utilized for providing additional support to the assembly 20 as is known in the art of sheet bending brakes.

Paragraph [0031] has been rewritten as follows:

[0031] As shown in FIG. [[2]] 4, a base 46 supports the clamping members 22 and provides support to the assembly 20 while moving the pivoting arm 30 between the open position and the clamped position. The base 46 includes a front rail 48 and a rear rail 50 defining a table 52 such that the clamping members 22 are supported by the front rail 48 and the rear rail 50. The table 52 has a first table end 54 and a second table end 56. The table 52 may be portable or may connected to a wheel mechanism (not shown).

Paragraph [0033] has been rewritten as follows:

[0033] The guide mechanism 58 is coupled to a handle 60. The guide mechanism includes at least one pivot link 62. The handle 60 is rotatably coupled to the at least one pivot link 62. As best can be seen in FIGS. 2 and 3, the handle 60 extends from the guide mechanism 58 for facilitating movement of the pivoting arm 30 between the open and the clamped positions. The handle 60 can also be provided with a handle extension member 61, as shown, for example. The handle 60 functions to move the pivoting arm 30, thereby rotating the guide mechanism 58. The handle 60 may be a single lever for a single clamping member 22 or a long bar engaging the plurality of clamping members 22 as shown in FIG. 2. In the illustrated embodiment, the handle 60 includes an upper portion 64 and a lower portion 65. The grasping portion [[62]] 67 has

an internal bore 66. The lower portion 65 has a second internal bore 68 running the length of the handle 60 and one or more cutouts 70 which intersect the second internal bore 68 and accept the pivot link 62 (see below).

Paragraph [0035] has been rewritten as follows:

[0035] In operation, the handle 60 rotates the guide mechanism 58 about a pin [[78]] 86, which causes the pivoting arm 30 to move between the open position and the clamped position.

Paragraph [0036] has been rewritten as follows:

[0036] Referring to [[2]] FIG. 9, a bending arm 80 is supported by the clamping member for engaging the work piece and bending the work piece to a desired angle. The bending arm 80 extends the length of the sheet bending brake assembly 20 and contacts the work piece 28 when rotated. The bending arm 80 may be hingedly connected with the lower clamping surface 42. The bending arm 80 may also have extensions (not shown) extending from the bending arm 80 for allowing easy rotation of the bending arm 80.

Paragraph [0039] has been rewritten as follows:

[0039] The pivot link 62 reacts between the clamping member 22, as shown in FIG. 2, and the pivoting arm 30 for moving the pivoting arm 30 between the open position and the clamped position. The pivot link 62 includes a body, generally indicated at 72, that further includes top and bottom ends 74,76, and side walls 78, 82. The top

end 74 of the pivot link 62 includes a channel 84, defined therewithin to be pivotably connected within the handle 60 by a ~~[[rod]]~~ pin 86 inserted in the bore 68. The handle 60, as illustrated in FIGS. 2 and 3, functions to move the pivoting arm 30, thereby rotating the pivot link 62. The top portion of the sidewalls 78, 82 includes a distance therebetween less than the distance between the bottom portion of the side walls 78, 82.

Paragraph [0042] has been rewritten as follows:

[0042] As shown in FIGS.~~[[,]]~~ 1 and 3-7, in one embodiment the spring mechanism 98 includes a spring 102.